

REMARKS

The courtesy of Examiner Amanuel Lebassi in granting a telephone interview on 25 June 2010 to Applicant's attorney, Edward W. Callan, is sincerely appreciated. During the interview, Applicant's attorney explained that some of the subject matter of claim 13 is not suggested by the cited references. The Examiner requested that a response, including such explanation, be filed. Such explanation is included herein in the following section traversing the rejection of claims 13-45 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a). No agreement was reached as to the allowability of any of the claims.

In order to better define the specific embodiment of the first independent claim, claim 13 has been amended. Support for this amendment is set forth in paragraph [0074] of the publication of the present application (US 2008/0242320).

Claim 16 has been amended to correct a clerical error.

Claim 44 has been rewritten in independent form and to be consistent with the amendment of claim 13. Claim 45 has been rewritten to depend from claim 44, instead of from claim 15, and to include the pertinent limitations of claim 15.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

The rejection of claims 13-45 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Sawyer WO 94/17644 in view of Foladare et al. US patent 6,014,549 is respectfully traversed at least for the following reasons:

Referring to independent method claim 13, neither cited reference discloses or suggests the limitations of:

- a “subscriber profile that can be changed by the subscriber at the terminal via a central administration function,” as recited in the next-to-last paragraph of claim 13, and

- “this profile change acting synchronously on the service features of other terminals or identification chips connected thereto assigned to the subscriber,” as recited in the last paragraph of claim 13.

These distinguishing features are further described in paragraphs [0020], [0021], and [0074] of the publication of the present application.

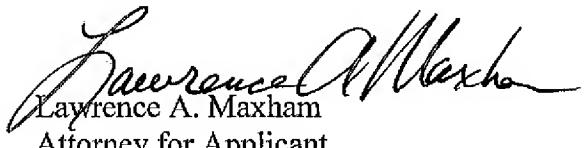
Claims 14-43 depend from claim 13 and patentably define over the cited prior art at least for the same reasons that claim 13 defines over the art.

Independent apparatus claim 44 recites the distinguishing features of claim 13 that are discussed above. Claim 45 depends from claim 44 and is believed to be allowable at least for the same reasons as are claims 13 and 44.

Conclusion

Reconsideration and allowance of all the claims in this application are respectfully requested. Should any issues remain unresolved Examiner Lebassi is invited to contact the undersigned attorney.

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